

Delaware Township Recreation Commission Minutes – Aug. 3, 2020 via Zoom

Chairperson Brian Sulewski called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

Notice Statement – The Notice Requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied by notification to the Hunterdon County Democrat and by posting with the Township Clerk and on the Delaware Township bulletin board on **July 2, 2020**.

Flag Salute – Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Steve Smotrich, Tim Soltis, Brian Sulewski, Julie Luster, Tim Drew & Charles Herman

Absent: Judy Allen, Rebecca Burns, Connor Devlin, Kristin Devlin, Aden Ricci, Toby Ruttenberg, Linda Ubry

Approval of Minutes from the Meeting of June 1, 2020 – Steve Smotrich moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of June 1, 2020, Tim Soltis seconded the motion, and members present approved the minutes.

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

The 2020 Summer Recreation Program is cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

REPORTS

Teens – No Report

Board of Education – School sent out their tentative plan which has three options; will see what happens. Additionally,

DTAA – Not sure what will be happening for the Fall for soccer; all the towns we play with except Flemington are already cancelled; Flemington is only playing internally; other towns are doing clinics potentially internally; trying to figure out what can do to engage kids or not. Softball has some teams (two age groups) playing fall ball; Baseball partnership with one team with Solebury. If PA goes up to 10% will be a red state and will have to stop with them for both baseball and softball. Will note they are following as a general rule USABL as well as the specific town rules.. As far as the fundraiser, hoping to do something mid-September outside; now trying to think of something virtual as an auction instead. If we go forward with fireworks, will be on board with dedication and will send invites.

Open Space – Steve has some minor edits to the Open Space document that Katherine Fullerton prepared that he discussed as well as some minor edits by Julie and Tim Drew. Also will clarify if the funds are annual or what the allotment. Steve noted there was an Open Space Committee meeting that had a lot of discussion regarding dollars and reallocation of funds by the Township Committee. Charlie did provide context that when looking at the Finance Committee last year have been trying to figure out this as an option for funding.

APPROVAL OF DILTS FARM PARK APPLICATIONS – Brian said Township Clerk Jodi McKinney sent him an application for use of Field A at the Park from Super Soccer Stars for the mornings of August 17 – 21 at the Park. Members discussed issues in connection with Covid-19 restrictions, including restroom facility cleaning. Township organized sports have not yet commenced, and members expressed concern with permitting this use at this time. They agreed that if DTAA is familiar with this organization and its safe operation, the Stars may use the field subject to following all New Jersey guidelines, payment of Park fees, and insurance. Brian will follow up.

COMMITTEES:

Egg Hunt – Cancelled due to Covid-19.

Yard Sale – Rescheduled to September 12th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a Sunday September 13th rain date. Judy obtained a price from Fast Signs for twelve Yard Sale signs and posts for a total cost of \$240. Everyone ok to move forward and should advertise encouraging following the relevant rules.

Fishing Derby – Cancelled due to Covid-19. .

Plant Swap – October 3rd.

Campout and Bonfire – To be considered in 2020.

Great Crate Race – Cancelled due to Covid-19. .

Fall Fun Fireworks – If we do it, do you want to get into register for the event; can't switch the location because of approved site plan; Tim S. & Charlie think people will not stay in their cars. Tim D. suggested what about doing later in the year

Charlie could find out what parking lot capacity; if that number is 200, we could advertise only first 100 people. Julie said number is 500 or less for outside gatherings; rough math is 4 per car so 400 people. Brian did state other towns are doing events and seem to have more than 500 people. Julie asked about insurance; Brian will follow up with insurance company tomorrow to see if there is a rider or not. Tim Drew thinks will be tough to keep people in their cars and we won't be able to control people in a meaningful way.

Brian is in favor with keeping the date; just his opinion. Tim D. is fine either way whether we go forward; either way need to do a calculated risk. Maybe take the executive order and post this as the rules and a link to the restrictions; pre-registration may cause a bigger headache. Steve would like it to move forward as well but after we hear from insurance company. If fireworks are at 8 p.m. park will open at 7:30 p.m. if arrive early, will be asked to leave and park will be closed from 5 p.m. Brian will put together in an email recapping all of this; park closes at 5 p.m.

reopens at 7:30 p.m. and fireworks at 8:00. Julie noted we should also advertise that bathrooms will be closed; need to iron out the signs/etc. if State shuts us down we will be closed. Brian does want a port-a-potty for the fire department.

Community Day/Block Party – October, October 3rd – Steve said the band has been reserved. TBD for now.

Holiday Decorating Contest – This event may be expanded and is in the planning stages. TBD for further into the Fall.

Ice Rink – Rink not installed due to a warm winter.

Adult and Teen Recreation at DTS – TBD

OLD BUSINESS

Scavenger Hunt – The test run for the new Scavenger Hunt created by Rebecca and Brendan Burns works. Send through school listserv and post to Facebook.

Dilts Farm Park – No update.

NEW BUSINESS – No real new business; Charlie noted that Jodi McKinley is leaving the Township; this is her last week and looking for someone; requests not sure to send; trying to find someone else but looking and maybe closer to 4 weeks of an opening.

Financial Report – Per what Diane provided, we did receive the Town's annual deposit.

Next Meeting – Rebecca will need to set up the next meeting via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m. via motion from Tim Drew; second by Steve.